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37 SENTENCED -- Neue Zuercher Zeitung, No 2173, 24 Oct 49

In a dispatch from Prague, Agamo France Presse (AFP) reports that the Czech State Tribunal has pronounced sentence against 37 young people who were accused of having formed an illegal group for the pumpose of instigating an uprising. They published a covert newspaper known as Die Flame (The Flame). The trial began in mid-October.

The main defendant, Vladislav Stoces, was sentenced to hard labor for life. Thirty of the defendants were sentenced to hard labor for periods of from 1 to 20 years. Four cases were cleared with a verlict of "not guilty."

"SPIES" GET DEATH PENALTY -- News Zuercher Zeltung, No 2173, 24 Oct 49

An AFP dispatch from Prague reports that the Supreme Court of Bruno has confirmed the death penalty imposed by the National Tribunal in Prague upon Emmanuel Cancik, Vratislav Polesny, and Josef Charvat.

The three men were sentenced on charges of espionage on behalf of an imperialist western power.

According to an official communique issued toward the end of last August, they ware also accused of having planned an attack upon the Litom-ice Jail in order to free the political prisoners confined there.

CZECHS ARREST MORE CATHOLIC PRIESTS -- Neue Zuercher Zeitung, No 2163, 24 Oct 19

Further arrests of Catholic priests have been confirmed by Catholic circles in Czechoslovakia, an AFP dispatch reports from Pregue.

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Among the arrested clergy are Abbot Jindrich Seneft (vicer of Kolinec), Frantisek Apl (Father of the Order of the Redeemer, Jablonec), Father Vaclav Hutar (administrator of the Dominican Monestery in Jablonec), Abbot Tucek and Abbot Cerlak Mazal.

It is also reported that 10 percent of the clergy in the Ceske Budejovice Diocese have been arrested.

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